

La Jolla Area Public Improvements Email Update #35

Period: January 6 – January 17, 2003

Overview

This update is provided to share information about the progress of the La Jolla Area Public Improvement Projects. Our goal is to prevent surprises and hear from you. We welcome and encourage your feedback as it helps us to work together more effectively. Also, we will continue to add contact names to the distribution list as people express an interest in receiving this information.

For ease of reading, this report is organized into the following categories:

1. Construction schedule addressed in this report
2. Construction status this week
3. Community involvement, outreach and information

1) Construction schedule addressed in this report

This email report provides information about the following projects:

A. Ardath Road Improvements:

-Tree relocation

June 2001- 2003 (and as needed beyond that)

-Road Realignment and Water/Sewer Replacement

Sept 2002 – Sept 2003

B. Torrey Pines Road/La Jolla Boulevard Pipeline Replacement Project, Phase II

Currently in design phases

2) Construction status for the week

2A) Ardath Road Improvements:

Road Work- Day

The road construction began September 3 and will occur during the day for one year. Work hours will be typically from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The daytime hours can vary depending on the type of work and traffic control set-up.

Current Work

During the week of January 6 and through the week of January 13, West Coast General will continue with the construction of the street section at La Jolla Shores Drive and the school access road. Also, the contractor will finish up the backfill of the wall at the fire station and begin curb and gutter in that section.

Water and Sewer Work- Day

Current Work

During the week of January 6, TC Construction will be completing curb and gutter along Ardath (frontage) and Ardath (access) Roads adjacent to the planted trees and trailers. Also, they have been potholing for storm drains and working on the sewer main at Ardath (frontage) Road adjacent to the trailers.

Future Work

During the week of January 13, TC will complete storm drains and remaining sewer main work at Ardath (frontage) Road adjacent to the trailers.

Traffic Control During the Day

Work on the storm drain items at the La Jolla Shores and school access intersection will involve reorganizing the traffic control along the south side of Torrey Pines Road. The contractor will move traffic over away from the curb and install a k-rail barrier to establish the work area for storm drain installation.

During the day, two lanes will be maintained in both directions during construction. There may be occasions when the construction crew will need to drop an additional lane. If the team needs to drop one lane in a certain direction, they will work to minimize the amount of time this condition exists. Please allow some extra time when traveling through the area.

Water and Sewer Work- Night

The water and sewer main replacement began September 23 and will occur during the night for 5 months. The nighttime hours are from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., but they may start as early as 7:00 p.m. depending on the volume of traffic.

Current Work

Refer to section, Water and Sewer- Day

Future Work

Water main replacement along Torrey Pines Road between the pedestrian bridge to where Torrey Pines Road meets Hidden Valley Road is expected towards the end of January and will last 3-4 weeks. Once this is done, the water and sewer portion of the project will be complete.

2B) Torrey Pines/La Jolla Boulevard

Water Main Replacement Phase II:

The design of the Torrey Pines Road Pipeline Phase II officially started November 1, 2002. Construction is projected to begin in Fall 2004 and be completed Spring 2006. The total estimated cost would be approximately \$6.4 million. The design team's progress will continue to be included in this email report.

For more information about this project, please attend the following presentation:

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| Date: | January 9, 2003 |
| Organization: | La Jolla Town Council |
| Location: | La Jolla Recreation Center, 615 Prospect Street |
| Time: | 4:00 pm |

3) Community Involvement, Outreach and Information:

Left Turn Lane into Hidden Valley Road at La Jolla Shores Intersection

Thank you for all your suggestions to alleviate traffic congestion during construction in the project area. Suggestions have fallen into three main categories: 1) extending left turn lane into Hidden Valley Road at La Jolla Shores Drive intersection by moving the orange cones, 2) extending the timing of the left hand signal and 3) coordinating the left hand signal with the straight through signal.

- 1) The City and Contractor are looking into the possibility of extending the left hand turn lane to accommodate more of cars. The lane cannot be extended too far because it will add to the backup of people merging from westbound Ardath Road and westbound Torrey Pines Road who are trying to maneuver into the lane desired. If feasible, this extension will be implemented during the striping for the next traffic control phase.
- 2) The extension of the left hand turn signal, as well as the other traffic signals in the project area, are weekly monitored and adjusted by a traffic signal crew. The decision to extend the timing of the lights is determined by the observed conditions.
- 3) The major traffic patterns at this intersection are the through lanes. By coordinating the left hand turn signal with the through lane signal, wait time will be increased for all directions. A longer time for the through lanes is needed because those are the major directions of traffic.

Retaining Wall Along Ardath (frontage) Road

A meeting was held January 9, 2003 with some Ardath Road residents, project manager, and community involvement associate to discuss concerns about the retaining wall and the movement of the entrance from Ardath (frontage) to Ardath (access) Road. The project team will be evaluating options that will help to address the request for a visual barrier from traffic.

For emergencies water main breaks, a high line leak, etc, contact the Water Department's Emergency Phones at 619 515-3525. This line takes calls and dispatches crews to investigate and/or fix problems

For general inquiries about the work, contact the dedicated hotline for these projects at 619 533-7539. This line is checked throughout the day; calls are then distributed to the appropriate project team member for follow up.

Should you have any questions or concerns about this update or the La Jolla Area Public Improvements in general, please do not hesitate to call either of us.

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